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SUBJECT:COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): PUERTO RICO

REF: USUN 2558 (NOTAL)

1. USUN SHOULD INFORM C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN
THAT WE HOPE BASIS CAN BE FOUND FOR COMMITTEE CONSENSUS
STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT (INSTEAD OF A RESOLUTION) ON
PUERTO RICO WHICH WILL KEEP MATTER OUT OF GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR. THIS APPEARS TO BE
BEST ACHIEVABLE OUTCOME OF C-24 CONSIDERATION OF THE
QUESTION THIS YEAR. DEPT PROPOSAL FOR CONSENSUS
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STATEMENT WHICH FOLLOWS IN PARA 2 SHOULD BE GIVEN
VRAALSEN ON UNDERSTANDING THAT USG CONTINUES TO CONSIDER
THE QUESTION BEYOND COMMITTEE COMPETENCE AND THAT WE
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENDORSE EVENTUAL CONSENSUS. IT
SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO VRAALSEN THAT IF AGREEMENT IS
REACHED WE WOULD EXPECT COMMITMENT FROM CUBANS, AS LAST
YEAR, NOT TO RAISE PUERTO RICO FORMALLY IN THE GA.

2. DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED CONSENSUS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF

PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE IF THAT IS THEIR WISH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST 1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO, AS WELL AS THE CONSENSUS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO IN 1976; TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE RAPPORTEUR (A/AC.109/L.1191, 2 AUGUST 1977, AND ADDENDUM); BEARING IN MIND THE LETTER OF 16 MAY 1977 TO THE RAPPORTEUR FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATING THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL SUPPORT WHATEVER STATUS THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO WISH BUT THAT THE INITIATIVE FOR ANY CHANGE IN THEIR STATUS SHOULD COME FROM THEM; HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE PETITIONERS AND MEMBERS DURING THE DEBATE; NOTING THE POSITIONS ADOPTED ON PUERTO RICO BY THE FIFTH SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST 1976 AS WELL
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AS BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF SAID NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HELD IN NEW DELHI IN APRIL 1977; TAKING NOTE OF THE ELECTIONS HELD IN PUERTO RICO ON NOVEMBER 4, 1976 IN WHICH 6 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS SUPPORTED PRO-INDEPENDENCE PARTIES; THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TAKES NOTE OF THE RAPPORTEUR'S REPORT, AND ADJOURNS CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM."

3. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DRAFT CONSENSUS STATEMENT PROPOSED BY USUN IN REFTEL, BUT WE BELIEVE STATEMENT CONTAINED PARA 2 PROVIDES BETTER BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TEXT WILL UNDERGO SUBSTANTIAL REVISION BEFORE AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

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